



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT BUDGET ANALYST REPORT

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Proposed Response to Grand Jury Report “Emergency Response Times: Does Your ZIP Code Dictate Your Chance of Survival?”

OVERVIEW

On April 29, 2014, the San Diego County Grand Jury filed a report entitled “Emergency Response Times: Does Your ZIP Code Dictate Your Chance of Survival?” The report examined response times for emergency medical service calls in the City of San Diego and highlighted concerns that certain geographic areas of the City experience longer response times than others.

The Grand Jury Report included five findings and six recommendations. Of the six recommendations, three were directed to the City Council, one was directed to the San Diego Police and Fire-Rescue Departments, and two were directed to non-City agencies. The Council and other respondents are required to provide comments to the Presiding Judge of the San Diego Superior Court on each applicable finding and recommendation within 90 days, on July 28, 2014.

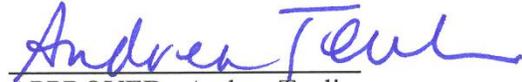
In responding to each Grand Jury finding, the City is required to either (1) agree with the finding or (2) disagree wholly or partially with the finding. Responses to Grand Jury recommendations must indicate whether the recommendation (1) has been implemented; (2) has not yet been implemented, but will be in the future; (3) requires further analysis; or (4) will not be implemented because it is not warranted or is not reasonable. Explanations for responses are requested when applicable.

Our office obtained a copy of the Mayor’s draft response, which was provided on behalf of the Police and Fire-Rescue Departments, and has provided input and worked collaboratively with City staff to develop a proposed joint response (see Attachment 1). With regard to the findings, the proposed joint response addresses all five of the Grand Jury report’s findings on behalf of the both the Mayor and City Council. With regard to the recommendations, the proposed joint response addresses Recommendations 14-31 through 14-33 (which were directed solely to the

City Council) on behalf of the City Council. In the interest of simplicity, the proposed joint response also addresses Recommendation 14-34 (which was directed solely to the Police and Fire-Rescue Departments) on behalf of both the Mayor and City Council.



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Attachments:

1. Proposed Response to San Diego County Grand Jury Report Entitled “Emergency Response Times: Does Your ZIP Code Dictate Your Chance of Survival?”
2. San Diego County Grand Jury Report entitled “Emergency Response Times: Does Your ZIP Code Dictate Your Chance of Survival?”